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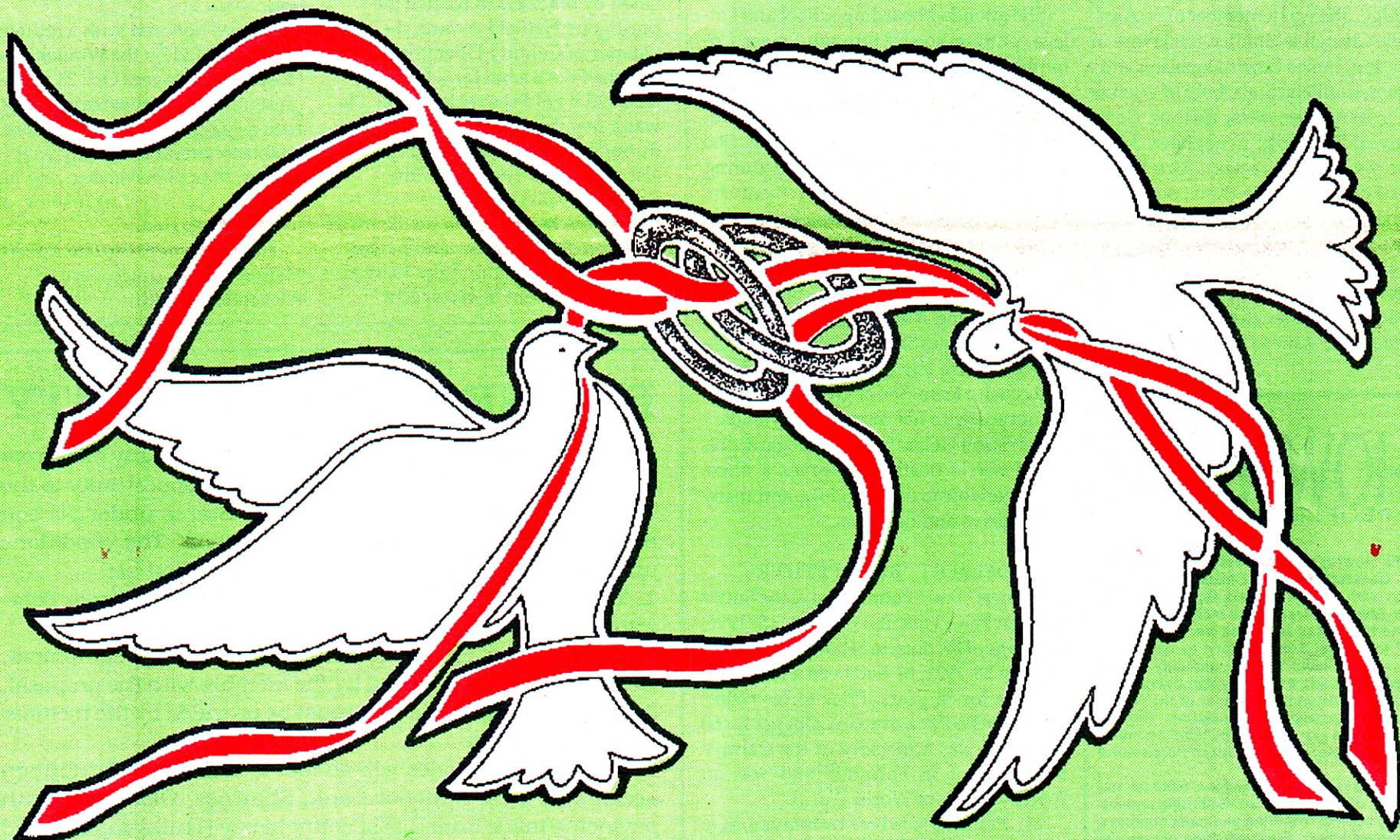


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MABEL AGATHA DONELSON

Mabel Agatha Donelson died on Oct. 12, 1996, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She was 89 years old. Born Aug. 23, 1907, on a farm near Washunga, Okla., she was the daughter of James and Cecelia (Biehler) Pappan. She grew up in Pawhuska where she received her education. After graduation, she worked for a short time as secretary for the Justice of the Peace in Pawhuska, and then for a period of two years was a legal secretary for lawyers Arrington and Mattingly of Pawhuska.

She married James Lynch Donelson on Dec. 22, 1927, in Vinita, Okla. At that time, they made their home on his farm southwest of Burbank. She enjoyed sewing and handwork, working in her yard, and playing bridge. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Shidler. Survivors include a son, James Lewis Donelson and a daughter, Kathleen Starr, both of Wichita, Kan.; a daughter, Mrs. Arthur (Joan) Jacques of Burbank; a nephew, Merle Benson of Cecers, Ill.; a niece, Mrs. Wayne Southall of Cherryvale, Kan., six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, three half-sisters, a great-granddaughter and her husband, on July 21, 1981. Funeral services were held Oct 15, 1996, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in

Shidler with Father Leonard Higgins officiating. Burial was in the Pawhuska cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Directors. A Rosary Service was held Oct 13, in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, Pawhuska. Memorials may be made in her name to St. Ann's Catholic Church or the charity of choice.

INEZ Q. GOENOUR

Inez Quickbear Goenour, 78, of Kelso, Washington, died Oct. 24, 1996, at home.

She was born June 10, 1918. Her parents were Emily (Goslin) Hickman Quickbear and Mr. Quickbear. Inez moved to the area in the late 1940s from Horton, Kansas, where she was raised on the Kickapoo reservation. She was of Sioux/Potawatomi descent.

She attended boarding school and college, putting herself through Lower Columbia College in Longview, WA where she received her license as a practical nurse. She was employed at both St. John Medical Center and Monticello Medical. She also was a welder at a shipyard during World War II. Following retirement she volunteered at a local nursing home even though she was confined to a wheelchair.

She was a member of the Monticello (WA) Ladies Bowling Team (and the National Bowling Association), Eagles, and the United States Slowpitch Softball Association, where she continued to manage and coach a team. She enjoyed spending a lot of time with her many close friends.

Her sister Helen "Hettie" Boogard, preceded her in death. She leaves a niece, Mary Newcomb of Longview, and many other nieces and nephews.

DELBERT "BUD" PETIFER

Delbert "Bud" Petifer died at the Sutter Auburn Faith Hospital on Sept. 15, 1996, at the age of 75. Born in Muddy Fork, Ark., on May 26, 1921, he had been a Foresthill resident for 54 years. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Petifer worked as a logger for 60 years. He was a member of the Calvary Bible Church in Foresthill and was an Army Veteran of World War II.

Mr. Petifer is survived by his wife, Mae of Foresthill; sons, Paul of Sacramento and David of Foresthill; a brother, Charles of Citrus Heights; sisters, Betty Quigley of Citrus Heights; sisters, Betty Quigley of Citrus Heights and Barbara Johnson of Pittsburg; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Crystal, in October 1993.

Graveside services were held at the New Auburn Cemetery on Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. Arrangements were under the direction of Lassila Funeral Chapels in Auburn.

Tribal member retires

Tribal member Max Rhodd began his employment at Winfield State Hospital and Training Center in Winfield, Kansas on May 7, 1962 as a temporary maintenance department employee. He retired Nov. 1, 1996, after 34 and a half years employment in the maintenance department from his position as facility maintenance supervisor. During the course of his employment he had as many as 50 employees working under his direction. His responsibilities included total facility maintenance, along with power plant and waste water treatment plant operations.

Max was a long time member of the Kansas Water Pollution Control Association, where he was nominated by his peers to receive the prestigious Hatfield Award, the Quarter of Century Operators Club and the Five S Club for which he received a gold shovel lapel pin. He was a member of many committees during his association with them. He is also a longtime member of the Kansas Hospital Engineers Association where he served on the Board of Directors for five years and participated on many committees there also on his retirement he received a



Max Rhodd

lifetime membership in the organization.

He was honored with a retirement dinner, hosted by the Winfield State Hospital employees Oct. 23 and was presented a money wreath, along with a gag gifts, cards from those unable to attend and many well wishes. Max plans on enjoying his retirement by traveling, fishing, and just plain relaxing.

He is the son of the late Robert Hatton Rhodd, descendant of Alexander Rhodd.

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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will evaluate any offer from its members who wish to bring a business opportunity to the Tribe which can benefit from Minority Status under Section 8(a) of the Small Business Administration. The conditions under which the business would operate must be:

1. The business must be owned 100% by the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.
2. All activities including staffing, marketing, equipment, work space will be provided by the member with the proposal.
3. Adequate working capital must be provided by the member with the proposal.
4. All proceeds of sales will go into a "lock box" distribution account at First National Bank, Shawnee, Oklahoma, with payments made from this account to pay (1) all suppliers and accounts payable, (2) a Citizen Potawatomi Nation percentage of the gross margin, and then (3) the balance is paid to the tribal member.
5. The business must be of a type that is complimentary to the public image of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

Please submit all offers which conform to the above standards to John "Rocky" Barrett, Citizen Potawatomi Nation. This offer is made to Citizen Potawatomi Nation members only.



(Editor's Note: Keith Navarre requested that this letter be reprinted in the HowNiKan so that other members of the family would know about the plans.)

Keith Navarre
10333 Galahad Way
El Paso, TX 79924
Dear Keith:

I received your acceptance of our invitation for the Navarres to be the honored Potawatomi family at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival next year. The date is Sept. 20-21, 1997. We are already making plans and looking forward to it and to meeting your family.

I will introduce you and other Navarre family members at the Opening Ceremony on both Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. The bagpipers and fife and drum bands play. Then from 10:30-11 will be the time for the Navarres to tell their family history. Do you want to be the one to tell (or read) your family history or is there someone else you want to do it? This is on Chippeway Village stage - red X on map.

Then you will be honored again and introduced at the Indian dances at 2 p.m. And again at the closing ceremony at 4:30 p.m. back on the stage again. I enclose a map/schedule from this year so you can see what I mean.

Please give me a list of the Navarre relatives you want me to send Christmas invitations to, those who are interested in history and genealogy and are likely to come.

And please send me history of the Navarre family. This will be kept in our Reference Room and can be as many pages as you wish. It will be kept here permanently for researchers and historians.

Write a brief history — maybe 4 to 8 pages — to be published in our Indian Awareness Center newsletter. Later I will write a condensed version for our local newspaper.

Please tell all your family about this and invite them to come. Encourage them to wear ribbon shirts or whatever Indian outfits they have. This is the time to show off your pride in the Potawatomi of the family!

Thank you very much. I appreciate your help in getting this together. It will be lots of fun and everyone will learn a lot more history of Indiana and the Indians.

Sincerely,

Shirley Willard,
President

P.S. There will be some kind of a gathering for supper Saturday night of the Trail of Courage. I don't know yet what it will be. Last year a local restaurant gave free supper to the honored family, and about 200 others attended and the Mayor gave a key to the city. I will see what I can look up.

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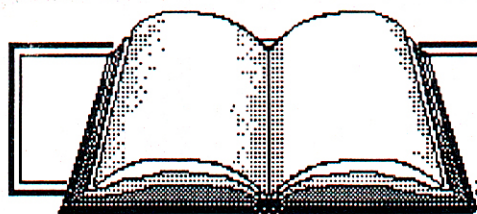
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BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 22, 1996

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Tribal Administrator J.D. Colbert, Deputy Administrator Bob Trousdale, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, Museum Curator Esther Lowden, Human Resources Director Donna Loudermilk, Health Services Director Joyce Abel, Training and Employment Director Gary Bibb, Administrative Secretary Karen Hopkins, HowNiKan Reporter Gloria Trotter, EDP Director Buck Wynne, Tribal Attorney David McCullough.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Jerry Motley moved to approve color coded documents, Red for the Resolutions, Gray for Tribal Ordinances, Gold for Honorary Resolutions and Blue for Tax Commission; Gene Bruno seconded.

Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Chairman Barrett moved to approve changing the 1st WHEREAS used in Resolutions from WHEREAS, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is a federally recognized tribe of American Indians with constitutional authority under the Thomas-Rogers Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936, (40 Stat. 1967); and to change the 3rd WHEREAS from WHEREAS, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Constitution and By-Laws provide that the Business Committee of the Tribe shall be granted the power to act on treaties with the United States; to WHEREAS, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Constitution and By-Laws provide that the Business Committee is empowered to enact legislation, transact business, and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation in all matters on which the Tribe is empowered to act now or in the future; Hilton Melot seconded.

Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 1996; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 1996 minutes; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Business Committee recessed at 6:40 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to approve, with one correction, the minutes of the June 19, 1996 Business Committee

meeting; Linda Capps seconded.

Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 1996 Business Committee meeting; Jerry Motley seconded.

Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve with one correction the minutes of the July 10, 1996 Special Business Committee meeting; correction being that the Tribe itself (PTSI) has been in the networking business since approximately January 1, 1996; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-1 authorizing Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Gene Bruno and or Tribal Rolls Director Mary to sign and issue Indian Preference Form 5-4432 for Tribal members seeking government employment; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-08 enrolling 10 tribal members eligible under previous guidelines; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Jerry Motley moved to approve Resolution #97-09 enrolling 25 descendancy applicants; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Gene Bruno moved to approve Resolution #97-10 enrolling 25 descendancy applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #97-11 enrolling 25 descendancy applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-12 enrolling 25 descendancy applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #97-13 enrolling 25 descendancy applicants; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Hilton Melot moved to table Resolution #97-07 setting the dates for the Regional Meetings; Gene Bruno seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent. Business Committee did not feel it was necessary to have a Resolution setting the dates for the meetings.

Business Committee discussed Citizen Band Potawatomi Corporation Act, setting fees for tribal Corporations and the filing procedure. Vice Chairman Linda

Capps suggested more time to study the Corporation Act, its By-Laws and Charter.

Business Committee appointed Norman Kiker to work with the Regional Representative to put together a program for the children at the Regional Meetings.

It was the Consensus of the Business Committee to make the Administration Building a smoke-free building. A room will be added to the back of the Administration Building and designated as a smoke area.

Chairman Barrett moved to approve the use of the Tribal Facilities, Pow-Wow Grounds, for Junior Lowden's wedding; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Business Committee decided that there will be a two day Pow-Wow in 1997 with a special gathering on Friday for Potawatomis only. There will be a Princess contest. Pow Wow Coordinator Esther Lowden proposed a simple meal on Friday followed by instruction on such things as the meaning of the shawl and how to wear it, jingle dress dancing and more. There will be two northern and two southern drum groups and the fourth place prize will be eliminated.

Discussion was held on the lawsuit filed by C&L Contractors against the Tribe. C&L Contractors was the successful bidder on the roof for the First National Bank Building, when it was being built. The roof was to be made out of foam, it was discovered by the architect that grackles had eaten holes in the foam roof of a previous project and the specifications were changed and new bids were to be accepted for a rubber roof and C&L was \$20,000.00 higher. The Business Committee decided to commit every available resource to the fight.

Business Committee recessed at 9:15 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

Gene Bruno moved to donate \$500.00 to the Shawnee Regional Hospital Cancer Center; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 absent.

Discussion was held on the dissolution of the CTSA, Pull Tab Compact, Small Business Administration Section 8(a) status for the Tribal Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act Corporation.

Gene Bruno moved to adjourn Business Committee; Linda Capps seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

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Sandy Birch, Canada - \$25

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Max L. R. Rhodd, SPL, KS - \$10

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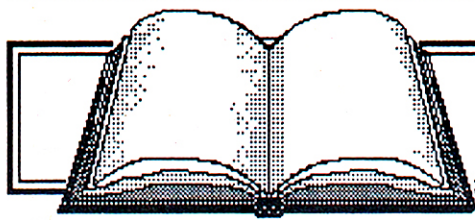
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New Enrollees

The following persons were voted into enrollment with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation:

Brower, Bret Alan
Burks, Debra Lynn (Jones)
Clayton, Daniel Noble
Cueto, Laura Marie (Brown)
Dillon, Carla Ellen (Holmesley)
Griffin, Judith Ann (Guss)
Guss, Timothy Louis
Howard, Erlyn Jane Graham
Murr, Marya D. (Tittle)
Nelson, Tammy Lynn (Millage)
Nourie, Richard Francis
Parrish, John Keith
Richard, Henry Berton Jr.
Spencer, Mary Gabrielle (Dunn)
Wallace, Linda Faye (Darvin)

The following people are eligible for enrollment by descendency with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation:

Aclamietz, Peggy Ruth (Frapp)
Aguilar, Angelica Maria
Aguilar, Victor Humberto
Alderman, Kole Hamilton
Anttonen, James David
Anttonen, Kirstin Nicole
Bell, Cynthia Brooke
Bennett, Warren Charles Hunter
Branch, William Kristopher
Bratcher, Jarred Cole
Brokaw, Chloe Rachea
Brokaw, Jared Eugene
Brooks, James Rufus
Brooks, Kristi Ann (Brenner)
Brown, Morgan Elizabeth

Brown, Robert Curtis
Castaneda, Frank III
Castaneda, Frank Joseph IV.
Castaneda, Justin Anthony
Cavender, Spencer Lee
Cavender, Tracy Lynn
Cole, Sarah Elizabeth
Coots, Ryan Lee
Coots, Taryn Nichole
Davison, Paulina Lynn
Escobedo, Francesca Marie
Escobedo, Lindsey Michelle
Evans, Bree Daniell
Evans, Lyndsay Nicole
Fagan, Kevin Coleman
Fiedler, Wyatt Alan
Flippo, Devon LaShay
Flippo, Donovan Lyle
Flippo, Larry Chad
Flippo, Mandy Leigh
Flippo, Robin Lorraine
Flippo, Sierra Lorraine
Fox, Jeremy Lee
Fox, Joseph Scott
Fox, Joshua Dwayne
Francoeur, Cleve James Jr.
Graf, John Tyler
Gragg, Jesse Robert
Green, Cody Nathaniel
Grider, Gary Don
Griffith, Jerry Elizabeth Erzsebet
Guess, John Eric
Gurley, Austin Michael
Gurley, Brandon Taylor
Hall, Heather Ann
Harp, Ashley Kay
Harp, Tabetha Kay
Hilliard, Myranda Jean
Holeman, William Henry Jr.

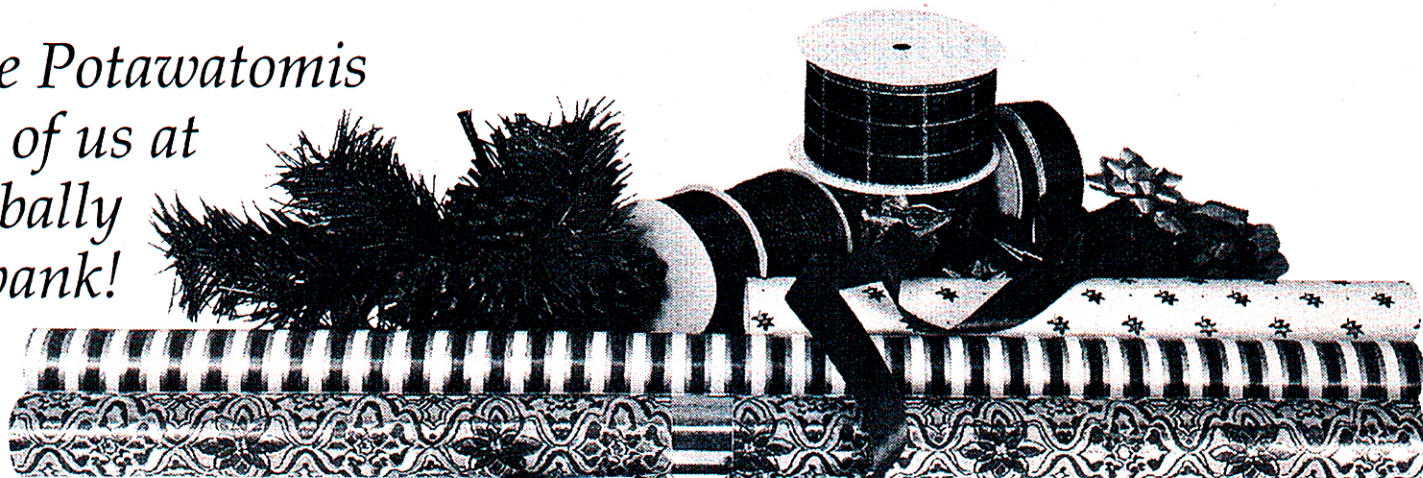
Howard, Frank Joseph
Howard, Neil Thomas
Howard, Nolon James
Howard, Susannah Joy
Hull, Erica Lynne
Hull, Sharra Lynn
Iles, Amber Elaine
Jager, Catherine Anne
Jager, Mary Elizabeth
James, Melissa Marie (Minish)
Jones, Naomi Ruth (Risinger)
Keefauver, Aaron R.
Kelley, Kaitlyn Ann
Kelley, Kayla Jan
Kelley, Matthew Dwayne
Killman, Tristen Kole
Killough, Katherine Dana
Kimes, Alicia Marie
Kline, Tyler Alvin
Koester, Kirt William
Lamirand, Falon Storm
LaReau, Angela Camille
LaReau, John Tyler
LaReau, Joseph Wade
Lawrenz, Christopher Lee
Lawson, Sara Nicole Diane
Long, Rianna Danielle' Lee
Lydick, Kirk Morris
Lydick, Tiffanie Sue
Marxer, Chelsea Rae
Marxer, Marion Frances
Marxer, Michael Benjamin
Marxer, Miles Leland
Marxer, Nicklaus Ryan
Mason, Rachel Leann
Mason, Theodore Arthur
Melot, Madalynne Nicole
Moore, Susan Lynn
Murr, Casey Anne

Murr, Corey Ruth
Myers, Becky Annett
Nelson, Brandon John
Nunley, Bryan James
Nunley, Kyle Alan
Nunley, Randy Wayne
Nunley, Rita Marie
O'Briant Devin Nicole
O'Briant, Shelly Delenn (Swarb)
Olson, Timothy Joseph
Ornelas, Anthony Michael
Ornelas, Jesus Mario Jr.
Ornelas, NiKayla Nicole
Parker, Nicole Ann
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Precure, Richard Randall
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Purves Boyes, Ian Daniel
Purves Boyes, Jennifer Susan
Purves Boyes, Kevin Stuart
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Ramirez, Michael Anthony
Ramirez, Suzanna Maria
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Roberson, Chelsee Paige
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Ross, Lauren Taylor Rachael
Ryburn, Jerrod Marshall
Sartin, Sandra Sue
Self, Dakota Jason
Sessions, Dane Thomas
Shepherd, Rhiannon Amelia
Sitler, Kale Austin

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Smith, Megann Alaina
Smith, Nicholas Christian
Snow, Brandon James
Snow, Kristoffer Andrew
Snow, Leonard Ray
Snow, Lori Ann (Rigganbach)
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Stewart, Amy Susan Precure
Stites, Bryer Thomas
Tascier, Trina Diane
Thomasson, Clarissa Lynn
Thomasson, Rita Diane
Thomasson, Staci Marie
Thomasson, Whitney Lee
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Thurkill, David Michael
Thurkill, David Thomas
Thurkill, Kaitlynn Suzanne
Thurkill, Robert Lee
Thurkill, Stephen Thomas
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Trousedale, Joe Rex
Turner, Heidi Estelle
Turner, Zackery Lynn
Vieux, Mary Kate
Wallace, Devin Von
West, Kimberly Rene'
Whealon, Robert Hughes
Williams, Kristin Nicole
Williams, Ryan Glenn
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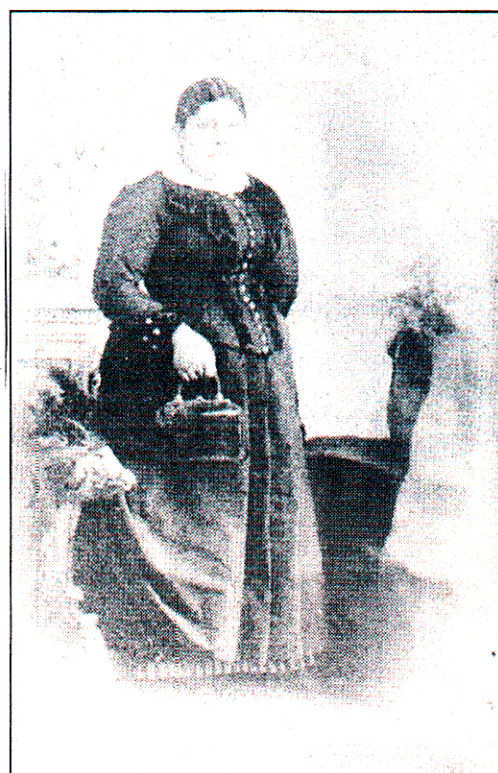


Alexander Rhodd and Zoa Bruno Bourbonnais Rhodd, with unidentified baby. Photograph donated by Virginia Rhodd Rone.

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Left: Olive Vieux Sullivan. Right: Mary Jane Burnett Pearce, daughter of Abram Burnett. Photographs donated by Loreta Latham.

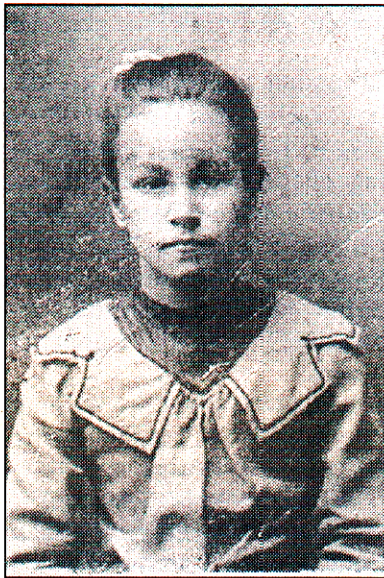


Left: Mary Jane Burnett Pearce, daughter of Abram Burnett. Right: Christopher Pearce, husband of Mary Jane Burnett. Photographs donated by Loreta Latham.



Family Album

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nts of treasured family
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lls Director Mary Farrell
njoy seeing some of them.



*Charles William Spalding
and Harriet P. Vieux
Spalding, taken on their
wedding day, Feb. 18, 1903, at
St. Bernards Church,
Wamego, Pottaawatomie
County, Kansas. This
photograph was donated by
the late Mary Jean Spalding.*



daughter of Mary Ann Melot and
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*Right: Therese Navarre
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SUSAN CAMPBELL

Bozho from Seattle!

Actually, I should probably say "Aloha!" Eric and I just returned from a marvelous week on Kauai, where the sun was bright and hot (mid-80's) every day and the smell of flowers perfumed the air. It was heavenly! Needless to say, we had a very different Thanksgiving while there, our first luau on a sugar plantation. But they served all the traditional Thanksgiving food as well as traditional luau food. And they even concluded the meal with pumpkin pie!

While there I had a chance to discuss NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) with several people and learned the increasingly important role NAGPRA is playing in the Islands. We have stayed at the same condominium complex for the past eight years and it was interesting to note this time the enclosure and mound area on the outskirts of the property, a reburial site for remains found while constructing the complex. This is being repeated everywhere we looked. On one coffee plantation we learned that what appeared to be random groupings of stones and large trees in an otherwise orderly field were actually protected burial sites; the trees and stones would keep them undisturbed while the coffee trees grew around them.

I was saddened to hear of the death of Tony Levier. I only met him this

summer, but he has gifted all of us with a valuable legacy: the Potawatomi language. His generous contribution to the Potawatomi Nation is one I will cherish the rest of my life.

I had a nice telephone visit with Mary Newcomb, Inez Goenour's niece. Mary shared some of her memories of Inez and told me of her interest in her family's history — and her lack of information. She asked that I share her address so if you have any information on the Goslin family (there were several spellings) please write Mary at 5601 Finch Dr. Apt. 303, Longview, WA 98632. She would be happy to hear from you!

The language class scheduled for November 19, 1996 had to be postponed due to the 7" of snow which was dumped on our area the evening of the 18th and all day the 19th. It was very painful to have to cancel that class, but Mr. Moore was unable to get from his home to the Indian Center and all whom I called had planned to stay home anyway. As you know if you live in the Pacific Northwest, the hills and twisty

roads are not conducive to driving, and snow removal seems sometimes to be limited to mountain passes, so when snow falls we close down. We decided to reschedule the class for December 10, again at the Kitsap County Indian Center in Silverdale (hope you saved those maps!) at 7:00 p.m. See you there!

Our daughter Rhian is home after spending two and a half months traveling between St. Paul Island and Dutch Harbor, AK working on a barge processing seafood. She says the 19-hour work days were awful but she went for the adventure and she sure had one! She weathered a couple of nasty storms but got home before real deep cold hit. Needless to say, I'm awfully glad she's home.

The annual Washington Regional Meeting is scheduled for April 19 this year. We will be meeting in the Indian Heritage High School, a location I chose because of the availability of a space for our children's activities. You will be receiving more information on this in March but mark your calendars and plan to come! It should be a good day for all of us.

My thanks to Michael Yowell for the beautiful Christmas tree ornaments. I will enjoy having them on my tree this year! And my thanks to each one of you who had made this year so special for me. I look forward to seeing you at our gatherings in 1997.

Susan Campbell

Bourzho Nikon,

I'm sure by the time you read this everyone will have already had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed all the yummy leftovers from your individual feasts. Christmas is on the way and if you are like me the shopping has not been done. It seems I always wait until the last minute to run out for that special gift that would be perfect for one of my friends. But I love that last minute hustle and bustle.

Thanksgiving was very exciting for me. My grandson's school asked me to come and tell them the story of the first Thanksgiving, and how the Indians helped the Pilgrims. The children were genuinely interested in the story and asked all sorts of questions. I had to explain that Indians do not hit their mouths when we dance in a circle. Also the Indians were on this land long before Columbus discovered the Americans and they grew corn and wheat and hunted for their food. The teacher asked that I come in my regalia, which brought up many questions and filled the hour that was allotted to me. I thoroughly enjoyed this special time with these wonderful and bright children.

On November 24, we had a Gathering, at our church, It was a fascinating evening of different cultures brought together for the same reason, to learn how our beliefs relate to each other. The evening started off by our master of ceremonies, a Shoshone gentlemen, explaining to us how it was to grow up in white man's world and the journey he has taken in his life. We were entertained by the New Dawn Singers, a Pima Indian singing group who told us of the

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history of the Pima Indian Tribe and they explained the meaning of each song they sang and how the song was named. They accompanied themselves with a gourd and stick. It was really a treat!

Just a side note: when I spoke to the wife of one of the Pima singers, I asked them to come in their native dress. She hesitated, then said, "I really don't think you want us to do that. You see until the white man came, we did not wear any clothes unless it was cold." Well we both had a good laugh over that one. Enough said ...

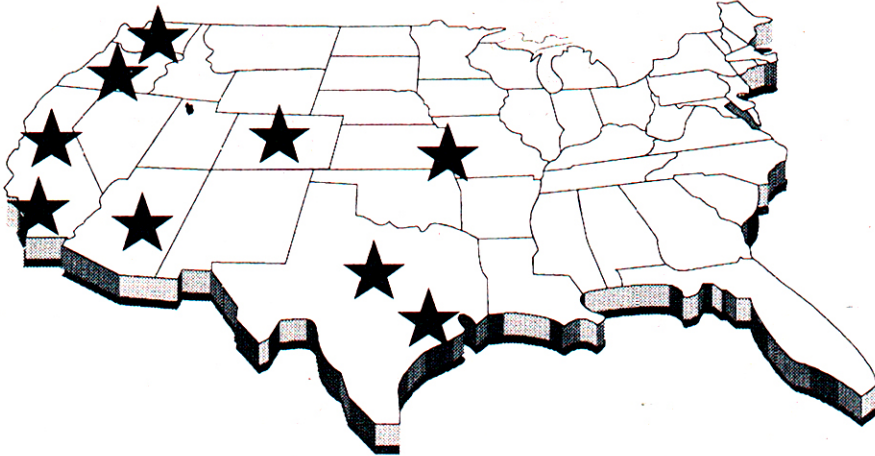
Well, I'll close for now, to those of you far and all of you near by, have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. May the Great Spirit who guides us and loves us all, grant you peace and happiness throughout the coming year.

Happy Holidays,

Philonise Williams

REGIONAL REPORTS

Regional Councils



Remaining Regional Councils in the 1996-97 Series:

Southern California	Jan. 18
Phoenix	Feb. 8
Northern California	March 8
Houston	March 22
Seattle	April 19
Portland	April 20
Kansas City	May 17

Bourzho!

My elders have told me that time seems to pass faster as we get older, and of course, they are right. It will be 1997 when you read this. 1996 was a good year. Together, let's make 1997 even better. Are there any ideas out there for how we

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JENNIFER J. PORTER

might create more communication between tribal members in their own communities? Maybe a small social event (i.e., potluck, etc.) every couple of months? It just takes a little planning and would be a great way to exchange thoughts and histories and maybe some laughter. It is something I am planning to do in the near future, so those of you in the Bay area (or within driving distance) who would like to join me for an afternoon of chatter, please give me a call or send a note and we'll do it!

Little by little, I'm getting closer to the Internet. I have an e-mail address now, so if you want to send a thought that way, my address is: JJPorter.juno.com. It's a free e-mail service we learned about from my husband's dad. If you want information on that too, let me know.

New powwow calendars should be ready this month and I'll give you more information on that next time.

With our regional council meeting just around the corner, I would like to put out the call for volunteers to help with a few things. Those who helped last year were much appreciated and made a difference in how well things went.

Those of you who have a problem getting to and from the meeting, especially our elders or disabled members, please contact me and I'll do what I can to solve the problem. I will put a note on our invitation asking whether anyone would be willing and able to bring an extra person or two who can't drive. We are here to help each other.

May 1997 be a fruitful year for everyone ...

Pa ma me ma,

Jennifer J. Porter

I hear that our headquarters in Shawnee has been having bad weather, even forcing them to close one day. Now, a few weeks later, Christmas is fast approaching and I think it's December, but I'm not sure as I was because it was 77 degrees today. Hope your Christmas was a happy and blessed time with the family and friends and lots to eat.

I've received several calls for enrollment forms. One request from Catherine and James Alders, Jr. was for an enrollment form for their new addition to the family and the tribe. Charles Bennett from White Deer, Texas called for an enrollment form for his grandson. What a great thing that he wants his grandson to learn about his heritage, because the older generation is the best chance we have to learn. And Tara Bruno Townsend called for three enrollment forms for her children. She's looking to the older members of her family to learn, so she can pass it along to her children.

I have had several requests for a class to learn how to make shawls and do ribbon work and Esther Lowden has said she might be able to come down and instruct us. If you are interested in this class, give me a call so I can put your name on the list to notify you

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MARJORIE HOBDY

when I have this set up. I would try to set this class probably sometime in February.

1996 has been a good year for me and I hope for you. And The University of Texas at Austin did win the Big 12 Championship. Our tribe has lots of exciting plans for next year with special instructions for us on the correct procedures at powwow scheduled for Friday night in June with the powwow competition beginning on Saturday. And there is the "Gathering" in August, a new and exciting and opportunity for all of us. Make those resolutions and let's make 1997 the best year ever. I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Marj Hobdy

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

JEREMY BERTRAND FINCH

Bourzho from Pasadena!

Hunkered down for the backstretch of winter, the boys and I are doing well. We enjoyed our Christmas as I hope you did.

By now you've received your invitation to the Regional Council meeting. We'll be back at the Southwest Museum, and I've arranged for some new activities that should be entertaining and informative for everyone. And I don't know about you, but I can't wait for more up-to-date information on the dazzling progress our tribal government has accomplished on behalf of the Potawatomi tribal people. And on a personal note, I just plain enjoy seeing and talking with the members of the Business Committee, Esther Lowden, and Carolyn Sullivan. (I can't be certain, but I think they enjoy the break from those subzero prairie winds that scour Oklahoma around that time ...)

Were you as thrilled as I was to see the front page picture of the new health clinic in last month's HowNiKan? This is no small thing. And did you see the list of staff? If you're familiar with the state of health care on some of the reservations around the country, you know that what passes for a clinic is often a little storefront kind of arrangement with one or two concerned tribal members and the schedule of a visiting doctor. That we have our programs so well organized and staffed by dedicated professionals like Joyce Abel is an honor for us all. With accomplishments like these, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation continues at the cutting edge of modern Native American life. Aho!

Strengthened by the knowledge of our history, may each of your hearts be filled with reverence for those who came before, with love for our brothers and sisters, and with hope for those who will follow.

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

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Bourzho Niconi;

Ni-je-na? All is well here, except for the weather; they say we are now the wettest in Oregon's history. What a storm we are having today with more rain to come. But I guess we will make it through this one too.

Not much to report this month except I am still going to powwows and have been fortunate to meet some of you there. The Restoration powwow of the Confederated Tribes of Giletz was in their new Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City. The powwow was held in the convention center, which is located upstairs above the casino. What a place to dance! On carpeted floors where your moccasins stay clean and dry and your feet don't get near as tired. It has been nineteen years since their tribe has been restored to them. Some of the elders there were so proud of how far their

OREGON IDAHO

ROCKY BAPTISTE

tribe has come, and being in a large new facility made them even happier. I drove my motor home down and stayed the night in the parking lot. The ocean waves put me to sleep and the sea lions' bark woke me up in the morning.

The following weekend was the Grand Ronde Confederated Tribes Restoration Celebration and powwow. However, they had theirs in the local grade school gym. It was small but

such good feelings, as everyone danced, laughed and sang. Many local Potawatomi, and some from the south came to help celebrate this special time for these people. And again, I drove my RV and spent the night in the casino parking lot (excellent parking). They serve a wonderful buffet breakfast there and I didn't linger long enough to give them any of my money.

I have been honored by some of the local tribal officials, by requesting my participation in building a community Eagle Staff, to be used by any tribe or powwow where one is not available. It has been hard to gain acceptability among the Oregon tribes, but this has made me feel that they finally believe there is a Potawatomi Nation. Have you ever heard, "you are what Indian?" I know we all get that from a lot of people. It is encouraging however,

when someone sees my bumper sticker and comes up and says, "hello, I am a Potawatomi Indian too." They may be from Prairie Band or Michigan area or just say, "I don't know where I came from, but my dad said I was part Potawatomi." It gives me such a good feeling to help someone find their ancestral background or help them get enrolled after many years of being lost. That's why I am volunteering my time to our tribe, to help my people. I hope I can help you, if you need something. Call me at 1-800-522-3744. Leave a message and I will get back to you soon.

Megwich,

Rocky Baptiste

May the road beneath your moccasins be soft for your way. May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on your house and may the great spirit bless all who enter there. Merry Christmas!

Bo Sho Nikanes,

The holiday season is so busy that sometimes I get caught up in the bustle and lose sight of the purpose. I hope you were able to find time to reflect on the joys of family, friends and tribe, and that you experienced all the blessings a holiday can impart.

It will be Council time in Houston soon, March 22, to be exact, and I urge you to set aside the time and make plans to be here for that event. There are changes in the making, and I am sure you will want to hear of them at council. There are also plans for special events in Shawnee, come powwow time, and a Gathering of Nations in August. It promises to be an informative Council, and an especially good year.

We are fortunate to have been born Potawatomi. I meet people who tell me they wish they were Indian, and some of them work hard in the Indian World to make a difference. I met a lady recently who told me the love of her life was a Potawatomi who put his life on the line to help the people at Pine Ridge. That makes me think about what it really means to be Potawatomi in today's world.

I also had occasion to talk to one of our own, who was having some temporary difficulties, and I thought about how it was in the old days, when we lived together instead of scattered all over the world. We knew then, without being called, who was ill, who was celebrating, getting married or having a baby,

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LU ELLIS

who needed food or temporary shelter, and those things were taken care of as a matter of course. Our extended families never would have allowed one of our own to be in need. And we never feasted alone! Keeping in touch with one another is the Indian way. Taking more time to care for each other is also a Potawatomi Way.

I have really enjoyed the calls from you! It makes me feel as if I am doing some small good here in South Texas. Please keep me informed of your social happenings. We want to share the joys of weddings, babies, new jobs, etc., and we want to help too, when the need arises. We have to know, or we are ineffective.

Remember the powwow locally is the second Saturday of each month, at St. Mary's, until I tell you otherwise. We had the pleasure of dancing in the circle with our son and a granddaughter at the last one. We will look for you there.

Keep well, and be good to each other.

Lu Ellis

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with one another
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Greetings from Kansas City,

Happy 1997 to everyone! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. With the beginning of each new year it brings us new hopes, dreams, and promises. Whether or not we can achieve or reach our goals depends on your own motivation and mind set. One of my favorite sayings from Dr. Robert Schuller is "If it is meant to be, it is up to me." The power of positive thinking can change our lives. So for any of you who have chosen to make

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MARYANN WELCH-FRANK

New Year's Resolutions, make a commitment to yourself to be the best you

can be to be successful, have a game plan, be realistic and stick to it. Allow yourself some flexibility. Don't get discouraged by setbacks or speed bumps along the way. No matter what your hopes, plans, and goals may be, I wish you the best of luck and continued success in your endeavors!

Keep in mind I always welcome to submit any local news or ideas to me for our region. You can always send or fax information on powwows or other events of interest remember. Items

should be submitted at least 4 to 6 weeks in advance. The deadline is always the 5th of each month. As far as changes of addresses, I can do it for you. Call Shawnee, and it can be changed in the computer right there.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for May 17, 1997, for our regional council meeting. The meeting location has not been selected yet, but I will let you know as soon as I do.

Megwetch,

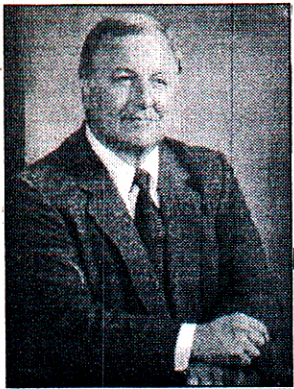
Maryann Welch-Frank

TRIBAL TRACTS



Eight In A Row

They'll eventually have to build a new wall for the tribal accounting department awards. The number crunchers collected their eighth "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. It is rare for Indian tribes to win this prestigious accounting award, but the Citizen Potawatomi Nation has been recognized consistently. Pictured with their latest plaque are, from left, Letha Goodchief, job training intern Christine McGirt, Enterprise Accounting Director Susan Blair, Accounting Director Carolyn Sullivan and Dee Wood.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

BY JOHN A. BARRETT JR.

Bourzho Nicon (Hello my friends),

I want to wish all of you a happy holiday. Please use this Christmas season to be with you family and share your heritage. As I have said in past Christmas columns, the holiday season is the perfect time for tribal elders to give their most precious gifts, their stories. Our tribe has a long tradition of oral history. When the presents that are given this season are long gone and forgotten, the stories you share with the younger members of your family will live on. Your stories will be the stories that they will repeat when they are elders. So gather them around you, fathers and grandfathers, mothers and grandmothers. This is the time for giving. (If you can video or audio tape it, please do to. It may not seem so important now, but a voice and face to go along with the stories will make it so much more memorable for the next generation).

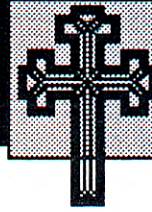
Our Off Track Betting compact is in its final stages — review by the Solicitor for the Department of the Interior. When it is approved we will convert the FireLake Lounge into a new facility. Look for more news to come. The new clinic has finished its first week of service. Thirty-nine patients seen, and all seem very pleased with the new facility and staff. "Good job" to Joyce Abel and her crew.

I hope this Christmas is joyous for all of you and the New Year full of good fortune.

Megwetch,

John Barrett
John Barrett

*Happy New Year from all
of us at tribal headquarters!*



A message from the chaplain...

by Rev. Norman W. Kiker

Boozho Nishnabeo Nikanjuk,

I want to wish you all the happiest of Christmas seasons and in doing so hopefully I can help you in some way and leave you with a feeling for this very special time that gets so commercialized and materialistic all the more each year.

As a family, share the memory making of each moment together. If you don't have a family to be with, no matter the reason, do something good from someone else in the name of the Christ child that we celebrate this season. The Lord was the hope of the world even on this continent. The very spirit of the Lord should enter every dark place in the hearts of men and I think it does; however, we the keepers of this place don't keep the lights on. We suddenly go back into regular work mode and leave the joyfulness in some old box with the bows and Christmas wrapping, for another time.

When I say the spirit of the Lord, some folks say things like, oh you mean that thing that took place over the sea, in Palestine or

well that guy Jesus doesn't apply to us. God's spirit is one of omnipresence and he enters the minds of men in every land. We as human beings try to intellectualize or explain away God or trivialize the existence of the Lord, when we personally haven't heard God's word or understood that Christ himself was in the creation of all that surrounds us, even our intellect.

All we must do is look upon one small child sent by the Lord God almighty that was mentored and shaped by love and wisdom into the savior of mankind, or we can simply look upon our own little ones and see the creation of a life that must have the same love in order to grow as a child of God.

The wonderfulness of the Christmas spirit was never meant to diminish after December 25th. The responsibility is ours; it lies with mankind as it always has. I do something for someone else this year and feel what we are all supposed to feel, and you will begin to see Christ in other people.

Small Business Talk

with Vice Chairman Linda Capps

This is the first of a series of articles that I plan to submit to the HowNiKan on issues affecting small/women-owned/minority business.

No doubt many of our readers are either small business owners or are contemplating a start-up business. This article may benefit readers in the last category.

As you begin collecting data for your start-up business, keep a folder of all important phone numbers and addresses of federal, state and local agencies that regulate commerce. You may need to contact the Internal Revenue Service for an employer identification number, your state tax commission for business registration forms, your state department of commerce for a guide to capital resources, and various state and local offices for licensing and permit information. Also inquire at your state department of commerce about sources of free business counseling within your area.

For those of you in the planning stages of a new business, the business plan itself is vital in providing you with a step by step guideline in implementing your business venture. The plan is a written design of your business as a whole in an easy to follow format.

The content of your plan should be outlined in a similar manner as follows: 1) executive summary 2) company background 3) product or service description 4) market analysis 5) strategy 6) management plan 7) financial statements and projections 8) funding and 9) project implementation schedule.

The tools of your business planning include your financial statements, projections, and break-even analysis. These tools along with cash flow statements, ratio analysis, pricing formulas, operating policies and job descriptions will help you understand your business better. This

will enable you to be more successful in dealing with a prospective lender.

To obtain additional information on start up business and/or how to write a business plan, check with your local library. Contact the Small Business Administration and ask if there is a Business Development Center in your area. These offices are established to provide various kinds of business assistance. You may also have an area vocational-technical school near you with a department that assists business and industry. In addition, there are Department of Defense Procurement Technical Assistance Cooperative Agreement Programs in 39 states.

Feel free to contact me by mail or fax if you have specific questions on small business issues or you wish to contact the above mentioned DOD programs. Mail or fax your questions to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Attention: Linda Capps.



Taylor Haney, Mary Thorpe Giggle During Lessons

Young dancers prepare for future powwows

Eight Native American girls, ranging in ages from three to 18, are preparing themselves for the future by learning to dance.

But they're "going back to the future," since they're learning traditional dance for the powwow arena. The girls come to the Long Room at tribal headquarters each Thursday night to take instruction from museum curator Esther Lowden and her friend Josephine Wise.

"The purpose is to train young Potawatomi girls in dancing traditions," Lowden explained, "and hopefully to prepare them to tribal princesses later on."

All but two of the girls are Citizen Potawatomi, and the other two have close ties. The youngest student is three-year-old Emmaline Barrett, granddaughter of Tribal Chairman John Barrett, and the oldest is 18-year-old Robbie Primeaux. Other Potawatomi students are Taylor Haney, granddaughter of Committeeman Jerry P. Motley; Javonna Hicks; and Kim and Mary Thorpe. Also part of the class are Colene Farrell (Wyandotte), granddaughter of Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell, and Josephine Wise (Caddo), niece of instructor Josephine Wise.

"They're learning the difference between Northern and Southern," Lowden said, "and they like Northern — probably because it's faster. They're also learning the round, or friendship, dance." Classes started in October, and Lowden plans to continue them through February.

"I hope by February they will have their minds made up about which style they want to go," Lowden said, "so we can work on costumes."

After the first of the year, the original group will receive special instruction from older girls who will come in and demonstrate fancy shawl and jingle dress. "The majority are interested in that," Lowden said. At the same time, she will probably begin working with a brand-new group of girls who are interested but didn't get started with the first group.

The young dancers will have a special part in the Potawatomi Powwow's Friday night program, which this year will be for tribal members only and will emphasis tribal traditions and customs.



Kim, Josephine Wise, Mary, Taylor, Colene, Young Josephine And Esther Lowden Practice The Round Dance, Also Called The Friendship Dance



Right: Esther Lowden Shows Kim Thorpe How Put On Her Shawl Properly



Left: Josephine Wise, Right, Shows Colene, Josephine And Kim The Northern Step